

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Monday, January 13, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Ken Masters, Mary Ann Beard, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance. Commissioner Mark Bacon was absent.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order. Minutes could be approved until the next meeting because Commissioner Levi was absent at the last meeting.

BOARD OF FINANCE

Treasurer, Cindy Humphrey presented a packet for the Board of Finance for their annual meeting on January 27th.

EMA

EMA director Chuck Kemker reported that a State of Declaration has been filed and approved for Rush County. All departments have 30 days to file claims with the IGMS. The Commissioners applauded the Highway Department, the Sheriff's Department, and the EMS director for their dedication during the recent snow emergency. Spectator Tom Monka commended the Highway Department for clearing the county roads.

ECDC

Carolyn Bunzendahl representing ECDC presented two letters supporting the Brownfield's project in Rush County. The first was a coalition of the city, county and the town of Carthage. The second described the means in which the county would support the project. Ken Masters moved to sign the letters and Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent presented his monthly report with the balance of the budget for year end. Sitton reported no damage to trucks or employee injury during the recent snow emergency.

SHERIFF

Sheriff Jeff Sherwood reported 39 inmates. Six have no sentence and four are females.

SUPERIOR COURT

Superior Court Judge, Brian Hill urged the Commissioners to take immediate action on the roof. He stated that the ceiling in the Superior Courtroom was on the verge of collapse. Judge Hill also stated concerns of moving the day of small claim hearings in the assembly room to accommodate the Commissioners move to that location. Commissioner Levi stated that the date of the Commissioner's move could be adjusted according to the small claims calendar.

AUDITOR

- Covered Bridge Certification was signed on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Bruce Levi. Motion carried.
- Notice that proposed precinct changes have been approved by the State Election Board.
- Treasurer's Report was received.
- Ambulance Reports for Raleigh and Anderson Twp were reviewed.
- Claims were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and a second by Bruce Levi.
- Payroll was approved after the Auditor questioned hours worked for part time in the APC office. Ken Masters moved to approve. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FUEL BID

Fuel bids for the Highway Department were opened at 9:30. The only bid received was from Harvest Land. The bid was a fixed rate as of January 10, 2014:

12,000 gallons 87 octane-\$3.1079 per gallon

40,000 gallons Diesel-\$3.3083 per gallon

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Sitton, Bruce Levi moved to accept the bid. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Bruce Levi seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor